

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : BLATTNER et al.
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to claims 1-13, 15-17 and 20-23, drawn to an apparatus (substrate storing device with controller). However, Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement as the apparatus claims and the process claims relate to the general inventive concept of stacking and moving substrates. As such, it is believed that the apparatus claims require the special technical features of the process as claimed in the apparatus claims, particularly with respect to Group I and Group III as they provide for similar technical features. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of all claims in view of the close relationship between the process claims and apparatus claims.

Further and favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

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